

COMMERCE CHAMBER ASKS C. C. REVIEW OF RAILROAD SITUATION

Committee of U. S. Body Reports on Efforts in Eight-Hour Controversy.

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETS

Congress Urged to Forbid Strike Until Thorough Investigation Is Made.

The National Council of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, assembled at the Willard today to give consideration to railroad problems facing the country, including the railroad labor problem, received a report this morning of what had been done by the railway committee of the national chamber to prevent a strike in the controversy between the railroads and the brotherhoods.

The report emphasizes what is said to be the absolute consistency of the national chamber in advocating one remedy, investigation by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The committee report recommending this remedy was submitted to a referendum vote of commercial bodies in the country affiliated with the national chamber, and was endorsed by the largest vote ever recorded up to that date.

Failed to Get Hearing.

The committee report submitted today brings out clearly the repeated and futile attempts made by the National Chamber committee to secure a hearing on Senate joint resolution 145, urging that the Interstate Commerce Commission act, in accordance with the Chamber of Commerce of the United States referendum, in reviewing the national chamber's position on the railroad situation. The committee report states that the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, in its attempt to deal impartially with all parties to the controversy, the fact is shown that despite charges to the contrary, the National Chamber committee at the beginning of the proceedings and later sought a conference with the four trainmen's brotherhoods.

The personnel of the National Chamber committee on the railroad situation was selected with care. Neither the railroads nor the brotherhoods were represented, as the work of the chamber was primarily in the interest of the public, which would be the chief sufferer by a strike.

The Committee.

Harry A. Wheeler, of Chicago, was its chairman. Other members are Charles Frederick Weed, a lawyer, president of the Boston chamber of commerce; James Cousens, formerly president of the Detroit chamber of commerce and a noted philanthropist; Robert H. Dowman, of New Orleans, president of the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association; Charles E. Faeth, vice president of the Kansas City Commercial Club; Dr. Livingston Farrand, president of the University of Colorado; Bishop Thomas F. Gailor, of Memphis, publisher of the University of the South; C. A. Johnson, formerly president of the Madison, Wis., board of commerce; E. T. Meredith, of Des Moines, publisher of Successful Farming; and a director of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States; William F. Holmes, president of the New York Merchants' Association; A. J. Porter, of Niagara Falls, president of the Shredded Wheat Company; and Oliver Wilson, master of the National Change, Peoria, Ill.

How Efforts Were Received.

Correspondence with the brotherhood heads and the facts as to efforts to get a hearing before Senator Newlands' committee, both without success, are gone into in detail to show the National chamber did what it could to avert a grave strike situation. The brotherhood leaders did not act on suggestions for a conference and Senator Newlands' committee did not give the railroad committee of the national chamber more than a limited opportunity to present views August 20. C. P. Weed, a member of the special committee, then filed a statement urging Congress on behalf of the national chamber to do these things:

Action That Is Asked.
"To provide immediately for a prompt, thorough and impartial investigation of all facts relevant to the present railroad controversy."
"To command the brotherhoods and the railroads to suspend all action in the nature of a strike or lock-out pending such investigation."
"No facts are yet established on which further action can be intelligently taken."
"The rights of the public are paramount."
"Equal justice to all parties can be secured without individualism."
"The supreme duty of Congress is to protect the country from a disaster for which there can be no possible justification."
"The report says the work of the National Chamber railroad committee is not yet completed. In fact, it has been

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20TH ANNIVERSARY OF WEDDING CELEBRATED

Treasury Chief and Wife Are Honored by Friends.

James L. Wilmett, chief clerk of the Treasury Department, and Mrs. Wilmett celebrated their twentieth wedding anniversary Wednesday. The occasion was marked by a reception given in their honor by employees of the Treasury Department and members of the Columbia Heights Christian Church. The reception was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmett, in Takoma Park, which was charmingly decorated. There were about seventy-five guests.

Byron R. Newton, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, who was among the guests, made a short address and paid a graceful tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Wilmett, and the bride and groom were presented with a handsome china service by the people of the church. Otto Werner gave an amusing program of song and story, and Mrs. Bernan sang. Mrs. Wilmett was formerly Miss Alpha B. Moore. The marriage took place in Prescott, Ark., in 1896.

SCHOOL FRATERNITY TO BE ON PROBATION

Board of Education Committee Outlines Plan of Supervision.

Intimation was given to the Board of Education Wednesday that its investigating committee will recognize the high school fraternity as serving a useful purpose in Washington school life.

A complete report by the committee was not ready, due to some new developments that resulted from the meeting of high school principals earlier in the week. The committee gave as its partial report some stipulations that the fraternities were to observe. Faculty supervision will be had, and rules made by the Board of Education are to be observed.

This means that probably the fraternities will be given full recognition and assistance from the faculty members, for a period of two years at least, during which time it shall be in a state of probation.

The committee recognized the fact that some features of the fraternities were undesirable and must be eliminated if the fraternities are to be kept alive here.

A full report of the committee is to be made at the next Board meeting.

EDUCATORS PUT HOPE OF NATION'S DEFENSE IN RESERVE OFFICERS

Quality of Men Turned Out by Colleges Vital, Agricultural Institute Heads Say.

RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED

That the hope of the nation's defense rests largely on the quality of officers turned out of its colleges and universities under the reserve officers training corps provisions of the national defense act, was the opinion unanimously expressed by the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations, in convention at the New Willard today.

A resolution was adopted urging all its members to take steps for military science in work for its academic degrees. The action of the association came after a series of addresses from college presidents and other officials and representatives of the War Department and the Army War College at the beginning of the final day's sessions of its thirtieth annual convention.

Urges Acceptance.
Further than this the college heads and their representatives urged upon all colleges the acceptance of the War Department's conditions relative to the course in military training and the qualification of its body of students in as large a degree as possible for the full course required for the reserve officers' training corps.

In the opinion of Major Andrew Moses, general staff, U. S. A., representing the Army War College, this action will give to the nation a corps of 50,000 young college graduates trained to be military officers, as well as leaders in civil life, within a comparatively short time.

President Guy Potter Benton, of the University of Vermont, argued for the acceptance of the reserve officers' training corps requirements as of benefit to the college.

President W. M. Riggs, of the University of South Carolina, outlined the training corps provisions of the na-

national defense act as applied to colleges.

Prof. Edward Orton, dean of the College of Engineering of Ohio State University, made an extensive statement on how the colleges might make room for the course in military science.

The resolution of the executive committee made even more urgent in its clauses for the acceptance of the training corps provisions by additional colleges, was then unanimously adopted. The election of officers of the association immediately followed the adoption of this resolution and resolutions regarding the work of the convention. President K. L. Butterfield, of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, was chosen president of the association.

Other Officers Elected.
The other officers elected were: C. A. Lory, of Colorado; Brown Ayres, of Tennessee; T. L. Coulter, of West Virginia; C. A. Dunaway, of Wyoming; and W. B. Bissell, of Texas.

Vice presidents: J. L. Hillis, of Vermont; re-elected secretary-treasurer: Dr. A. C. True, of the Department of Agriculture; re-elected bibliographer: executive committee, W. O. Thompson, of Ohio; H. J. Waters, of Kansas; W. H. Jordan, of New York; H. L. Pearson, of Iowa.

After the election of officers the association will continue this afternoon and tonight. Last night the Washington branch of the Michigan Agricultural College Alumni Association entertained a number of the delegates at a banquet at the New Ebbitt Hotel. Dr. F. S. Kiddle, president of the college, was the guest of honor and Prof. L. A. Clinton was toastmaster. Speeches were made dealing with the extension work of the various agricultural institutions.

6,000 MORE MILITIA TO BE SENT HOME

The quartermaster corps of the Army has ordered transportation facilities for the return of 6,000 national guardsmen from the Mexican border. Five regiments were ordered home, the First of North Carolina; the Seventh, of New York; and the Third regiments of Wisconsin, Indiana and Minnesota.

While insisting that this troop movement was not the beginning of general withdrawal from the border, War Department officials said it was the intention to bring home additional regiments as soon as General Funston believed conditions justified the move.

The next troop movement, it is believed, will follow the formal agreement of the American-Mexican mediation commission at Atlantic City for withdrawal of General Pershing's army.

With the return of Pershing's 12,000 from Mexico and assignment of this force to border patrol duty, the War Department plans to withdraw from 12,000 to 15,000 national guard troops, probably more.

MOUTH OF POTOMAC IS FOUND POLLUTED

Gas From Decomposing Matter Causes Heavy Mortality Among the Fish.

An investigation recently concluded by the Fish Hawk, a vessel used for such purposes by the Bureau of Fisheries, resulted in the discovery that the mouths of several large rivers, including the Potomac, were polluted. The pollution was caused by the decomposition of living organisms other than bacteria. It is stated, were entirely absent from the bottom areas in the deeper waters, and the mud from the floor of the river had a strong odor of hydrogen sulphide. The conditions, noted during the winter, nearly disappeared in spring, but in September, a considerable mortality of

fish was reported at the mouth of the Potomac and the other rivers flowing into Chesapeake Bay.

On investigating the alleged mortality of the fish, the Fish Hawk found the waters of the deeper portions of the river heavily charged with a sulphide gas. The explanation given for this state of affairs is that the silt, vegetable matter, tannins, and other such products, carried in suspension are precipitated when the fresh water meets the salt water of the bay, and these precipitates fall to the bottom, and there are decomposed. The gas set free in this decomposition is the cause of the fish mortality.

Five Badly Burned by Exploding Acid Carboy

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Nov. 17.—As a carboy containing ten gallons of sulphuric acid was being unloaded in front of a local drug store, it exploded, and five persons were burned. The refuse ran to a ditch where the city is laying electric conduits. The wires were burned up, and it is thought all the work will have to be done over. The explosion attracted a crowd, which had to be kept in check by the police. The acid ate through the shoes of many.

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